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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

15 Sir:

Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

In the Specification:

SPECIFICATION

TITLE OF THE INVENTION

20 IMAGE PROCESSING APPARATUS, IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD, AND
RECORDING MEDIUM

BACKGROUND OF THE INVENTION

25 The present invention relates to an image processing apparatus, an image
processing method, and a recording medium which are suitable for synthesizing a hair
image expressed by computer graphics with a three-dimensional shape image of a head
part.

Conventionally, as a method for expressing human hair by computer graphics
(hereinafter abbreviated as CG), it is useful to take a method in which an entire hair
style is approximated to a polygon model, as shown in FIG. 1A, and a texture of hairs
30 is adhered to the model, or a method in which rendering is performed with use of an